

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A tape carrier for TAB comprising:

a carrying support film, and

individual pieces of flexible wiring boards ~~judged to be non-defective products in an inspection step~~ each of which includes an electrically insulating bse layer made of a resin film and an electric conductor layer made of a metal foil having a predetermined wiring circuit pattern;

wherein said flexible wiring boards are mounted at regular intervals on said carrying support film.
2. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein each of said flexible wiring boards is mounted on said carrying support film through an adhesive agent.
3. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein opening portions are formed in portions of said carrying support film on which said flexible wiring boards is to be mounted respectively.
4. (original): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein said carrying support film is a polyimide film.

5. (canceled).

6. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of opening portions are formed in said carrying support film correspondingly to said flexible wiring boards mounted on said carrying support film.

7. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 6, wherein each of said opening portions has a rectangular shape that is similar in shape but slightly smaller in size than said individual piece of said flexible wiring boards.

8. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 6, wherein said flexible wiring boards are arranged on said opening portions through adhesive layers.

9. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein a thickness of said electrically insulating base layer is in a range from 3 μm to 100 μm and a thickness of said conductor layer is in a range from 3 μm to 50 μm .

10. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein each of said flexible wiring boards further includes an electrically insulating cover layer covering said electric conductor layer and

a thickness of said electrically insulating cover layer is in a range from 3 μm to 100 μm .

11. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 9, wherein the thickness of said electrically insulating base layer is in a range from 5 μm to 50 μm and a thickness of said electric conductor layer is in a range from 5 μm to 20 μm .

12. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 1, wherein said electrically insulating base layer includes polyimide film said electric conductor layer includes a copper foil.

13. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 7, wherein each said opening portions has a longitudinal width in a range from 9 mm to 99 mm and a lateral width in a range from 9 mm to 64 mm.

14. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 13, wherein each of said opening portions has a longitudinal width in a range from 14 mm to 69 mm and a lateral width in a range from 19 mm to 44 mm.

15. (new): A tape carrier for TAB according to Claim 7, wherein a pitch of arrangement of said opening portions is in a range from 1 mm to 10 mm.

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16. (new): A tape carrier for TAB fording to Claim 15, wherein a pitch of arrangement of said opening portions is in a range from 3 mm to 7 mm.